

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A carrier for transporting a ~~pressurized cylinder~~ portable propane tank, the carrier comprising:

a container of box-shaped proportions for accommodating the ~~pressurized cylinder~~ portable propane tank therein, the container including a top portion having an opening therein, a bottom portion, and a plurality of side portions;

at least one wheel attached to the bottom portion of the container;

one or more handles for gripping the carrier; and

a plurality of side flaps pivotally connected to the container, wherein when the side flaps are moved to a closed position, the opening of the container is only partially covered, wherein a portion of the portable propane tank having a valve connection extends through the opening to allow access to the valve connection.

Claim 2 (Original): The carrier of claim 1, wherein the handle comprises a telescoping handle attached to one of the plurality of side portions.

Claims 4-7 (Cancelled)

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The carrier of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of levers affixed to at least one of the side flaps, wherein each of the levers is tension engaged, the levers configured to move from a first position to a second position, wherein movement from the first position to the second position secures the at least one of side flaps in a closed position, thereby securing the ~~pressurized cylinder~~ portable propane tank within the container.

Claim 9 (Original): The carrier of claim 8, further comprising:

a plurality of dowels, wherein each dowel corresponds to one of the levers;

and

a plurality of receiving portions in the side portions, wherein each of the receiving portions is adapted to receive a corresponding dowel therein, thereby securing the associated side flap to the container.

Claim 10 (Cancelled)

Claim 11 (Original): The carrier of claim 1, wherein the handle comprises at least one hand hole in one of the side portions of the container.

Claim 12 (Original): The carrier of claim 1, further comprising one or more strap receiving openings in one of the side portions of the container.

Claim 13 (Original): The carrier of claim 12, further comprising a strap, wherein the strap is received by one or more of the strap receiving openings.

Claim 14 (Original): The carrier of claim 1, including two wheels mounted on a frame and positioned adjacent the bottom portion of the container.

Claims 15-20 (Cancelled)

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): A carrier for transporting a ~~pressurized cylinder~~ portable propane tank, the carrier comprising:

a container of box-shaped proportions for accommodating the ~~pressurized cylinder~~ portable propane tank therein, the container including a top portion having an opening therein, a bottom portion, and a plurality of side portions;

a plurality of side flaps pivotally connected to the container, said side flaps movable from an open to a closed position and being sized to only partially cover the opening of the container;

releasable engagement means on said side flaps;

a plurality of receiving portions in the side portions, wherein each of the plurality of receiving portions cooperates with the releasable engagement means when one of the side flaps is moved from the open to the closed position, thereby securing the side flap to the container, wherein a portion of the portable propane tank having a valve connection extends through the opening to allow access to the valve connection;

at least one wheel attached to the bottom portion of the container; and

a telescoping handle attached to one of the plurality of side portions.

Claim 22 (Cancelled)